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## Two New Ambulances For Calhoun County Secured With Federal Funding

**Morgantown, WV – May 4, 2006:** State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Community Facilities Grant in the amount of \$34,000 for Calhoun County Emergency Medical Squad, Inc., Calhoun County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to purchase two (2) new ambulances.

"Community facilities--such as health care clinics, senior citizen centers, police and fire stations, schools and child care centers-- are essential to the quality of life in any rural community. Through the Community Facilities Loans and Grants Program, Rural Development is striving to ensure that such facilities are readily available to all rural West Virginians," remarked Steptoe. "The commitment of USDA Rural Development to this effort is at the core of its mission and its promise to help build stronger, more vibrant rural communities across the nation."

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